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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald

Ready to rumble

Staff Sgt. Greg Slavik, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, crosses over the top of an F-117A Nighthawk fuselage during an intake inspection at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Tuesday. The aircraft is at Nellis to participate in Red Flag, an exercise testing the war fighters' skills in real-time combat situations before being deployed on their AEF rotation. See the March 18 edition of the *Sunburst* for more pictures from Red Flag.

Lend a helping hand: donate to AFAS

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Aid Society continues to help Airmen.

November 2004, the Eiseman family found themselves needing financial assistance and turned to the AFAS for help.

"My wife's mother died in the Philippines," said Tech Sgt. Phillip Eiseman, 586th Flight Test Squadron Aircraft Section chief. "No one in the Philippines had the money to bury her."

Sergeant Eiseman said everyone in his wife's family looked to her to help with the expenses.

Mrs. Eiseman said she was unable to go to the Philippines for the funeral because she was eight months pregnant.

"I felt bad. I felt like I couldn't do anything," Mrs. Eiseman said. "That was hard for me."

She said even though she couldn't go to the funeral, it made her feel better when the AFAS helped her family with the finances associated with her mother's burial and funeral service.

Sergeant Eiseman said with the help of AFAS money, his wife's family was able to bury her mother with the dignity she deserved.

The Eise-mans said the assistance

helped them handle a very difficult time and they are very thankful.

"I really appreciate what AFAS did for us," she said, "and I hope that they'll be there all the time for others."

Sergeant Eiseman said AFAS is great because it helps fellow Airmen out when a dire time arises.

Sergeant Eiseman said he's known about the program for a long time.

"I've had to use it in the past to help repair a vehicle," he said. "So, I knew about them, knew they helped with things like this and went to them with our problem."

For more information or to contribute, contact your unit representative.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry E. Reid Jr.

Women Change America

Mrs. Paulette Atencio, a well-known storyteller, published author and jewelry designer shares some of her stories with the youth of the Mescalero Schools at the Community Activity Center here Monday. The brown bag lunch seminar, “Women Change America-The Entrepreneurial Women, ” was designed to educate and provide entertainment value to children on folkloric tales. The second part of the seminar was to provide insight to women who are interested in self-employment. Both seminars were held in celebration of National Women’s History Month. The next brown bag lunch seminar, “Women’s Health” will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday at the Chapel Annex. There will be select topics on women’s health issues ranging from hormone replacement therapies, birth control, heart disease, healthy eating, and osteoporosis.



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Holloman
Hotline

572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander.
If you’ve tried to solve the problem yourself and haven’t been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.



Housing office2-3981
Housing maintenance2-7901
Medical clinic2-7913/5447
Finance2-5107
Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
BX479-6164



High: 68
Low: 38
TODAY



High: 75
Low: 40
SATURDAY



High: 74
Low: 42
SUNDAY



High: 71
Low: 41
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

DUI Update

Days since last DUI 4
DUIs this year 11
This week last year 16

Last six DUIs

- 49 MXS Jan. 21
- 49 OG Feb. 11
- 49 CES Feb. 12
- 49 CS Feb. 14
- 49 CES Feb. 22
- GAF Mar. 7

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

341 Saves this year
23 Saves this week

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Taking care of business: her troops

49th CES first shirt helps Airmen abroad and at home

by Senior Airman
Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

People are her business and keeping up the morale and welfare of every one of her troops is her specialty.

Master Sgt. Melany Sarafis, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, proved her merit by helping people at home and abroad.

During a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq in June 2004.

While on deployment, Sergeant Sarafis ensured her troop's morale was her priority.

"I organized several squadron picnics and combat volleyball challenges," Sergeant Sarafis said. "This was a great way to come together to relax and get to know each other."

Along with ensuring morale she also helped create a combat relief center and was part of a Critical

Incident Stress Management team. These teams identify and assist members who are affected from trauma of combat stress.

"On one occasion, we had a casualty on the base and our fire dept were the first to respond," she said. "After an individual died, I contacted Life Skills to put the CISM team together, then I recruited 25 squadron members to act as pall bearers and stand in the formation for the human remains ceremony. We did human remains ceremonies for Air Force and Army members with each service having flights."

With more than 3,500 Air Force, Army and Coalition members at Kirkuk Air Base, she said it was challenging to assist them since everyone handles stress in different ways.

"Mostly, I worried about my EOD guys who were constantly 'outside the wire,' safing IED and weapons caches and then destroying what they found," she said. "They went all over northern Iraq

looking for this stuff, often while under sniper fire. They tried to play the tough guy 'it ain't so bad,' but I could see how this would wear at them as the months went by."

After 100 days in Iraq, according to Sergeant Sarafis, her greatest accomplishment was getting all 150 of her 49th CE troops home together and on time.

"We all left Kirkuk and the area of responsibility together," she said. "Getting transportation out of Iraq and Qatar was a nightmare, but we all made it out."

According to Lt. Col. David Demartino, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, who also deployed with Sergeant Sarafis to Kirkuk Air Base, their 160 person squadron at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq was made up of members from 25 different units including over 60 members from the ARC.

"Within 2 weeks, she had a point of contact in every unit and during the course of the deployment. She kept them informed of

everything we did from promotions and awards, to jobs accomplished and successes on the sports fields," he said. "She was tireless in her care for our people and she's a big part of why our deployment was so successful. She focused on the needs of the troops so they could focus on the job. If I deploy again, I want her on my team."

Here at Holloman, Sergeant Sarafis continues to excel as a first sergeant.

"I never had a desire to be a shirt, until I did it as an additional duty," Sergeant Sarafis said. "I realized that it's more than just bailing troops out of jail on the weekends. It's an exciting challenge to be the 'go to' person. No two days are alike; shirting is defiantly not a boring job. During my career, I've learned to look at the big picture and see how every little thing fits. I've realized that we're only as good as our people. Without them, runways aren't repaired, toilets don't flush and electricity



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Melany Sarafis, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant poses 'Rambo' style during her deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

doesn't work. If I take care of my troops, they'll make sure things work when we need them – you don't realize how nice it is to have a flushing toilet until the water goes out and you're stuck in a portapottie in Northern Iraq in July."

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 1 to Monday.

Property loss, damage or theft

- March 2: A civilian reported his yellow tractor trailer was missing from the child development center.
- March 2: An Airman reported her vehicle was damaged in the dorm 342 parking lot.
- March 2: There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles in the post office parking lot. A vehicle hit another vehicle while leaving the mail drop box.
- March 2: An officer reported his windshield was hit by a softball.
- March 3: A family member reported an unoccupied government house was vandalized on Valencia Loop.

Patrol response

- March 2: A family member reported she found an unescorted 2-year-old child on Hanscom Place.
- March 2: Two family members were caught shoplifting at the base exchange.
- March 3: Two family members were caught shoplifting at the base exchange.

Tickets

Security forces issued 23 tickets from Feb. 22 to Monday: four for inattentive backing, one for child abuse and neglect, one for possession of a controlled substance, two for

failure to stop, two for shoplifting, one for illegal parking, two for expired registration, one for limitations on backing, two for larceny, one for criminal trespass, five for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

Reminder

The Veterans Administration and numerous other military affiliated groups have always encouraged separating and retiring personnel to file their DD 214s with their county courthouse. However, by filing a DD 214 with a county courthouse it becomes accessible as a public record and creates vulnerability to identity theft.

The best solution to this problem is to make working copies of the DD 214 and to keep the original in a secure location, such as a safe deposit box at a local bank.

ID cards

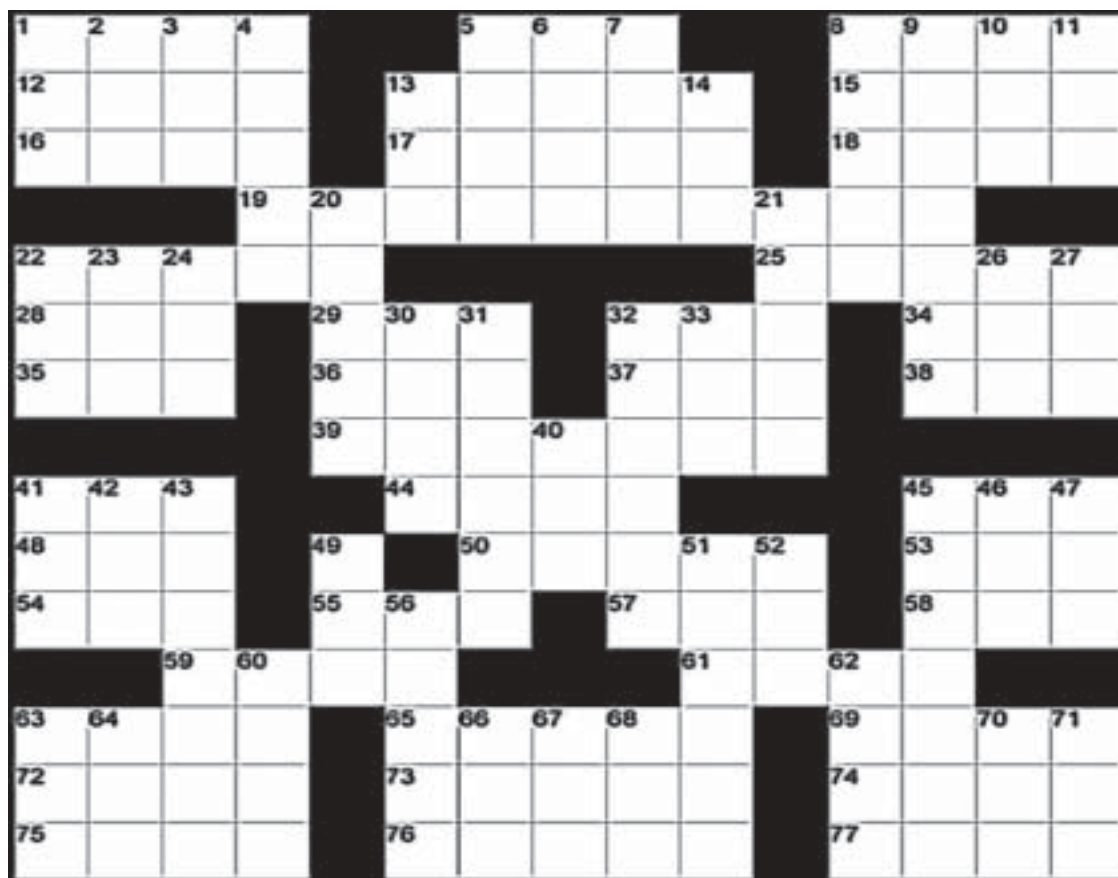
If personnel have a military issued identification card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces at 572-7171 immediately.

If you have any information concerning any of these incidents, contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial 911.

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Women in Uniform

ACROSS

1. Teen hangout
5. Head cover
8. Pass on
12. Thought
13. Rule of law
15. Span
16. First woman to receive Air Medal; Air Evac nurse
17. Mythological Greek monster
18. Wallet stuffers
19. First woman promoted to Brig Gen; WAC Director
22. Nap
25. Handy
28. Pod vegetable
29. Airport safety org.
32. Hurt
34. Father
35. Picnic pest
36. Olympic org.
37. Entertainment org. for troops
38. Wks lead to these
39. First director of WASPs
41. Grazed
44. Finding ____
45. Lout
48. First woman to receive Purple Heart
50. Service trees; rowans
53. Japanese sash
54. Explosive combo
55. USAF base entry needs

57. To be

58. Grant's opposite
 59. *Shrek* was one
 61. Royalty title
 63. Awful
 65. Lever
 69. Type of stereo equip.
 72. First Director of WAF
 73. Highest ranking woman in USAF
 74. Oklahoma town
 75. Stir
 76. More hurt
 77. Famous canine
- ### DOWN
1. Ending of DoD websites
 2. Commotion
 3. Allow
 4. Wood tool
 5. First woman promoted to Brig Gen; Chief of Army Nurse Corps
 6. The King ____
 7. Ripped
 8. Word ending for under and with
 9. Highest ranking woman in USA
 10. Fury
 11. Nights, in brief
 13. Greek letter
 14. Bother
 20. Visual
 21. Claw

22. Health resort

23. Actor Cariou
24. Dine
26. Even score
27. NFL scores
30. Before long
31. Allow entry
32. ____ borealis
33. To query; what ____ rose by any other name?
40. Health org.
41. Back, on a ship
42. 2,000 lbs.
43. Commends
45. First woman STS; Lt Col (USAF) Eileen ____
46. Honest ____
47. Expire
49. Knight title
51. First USMC woman officer promoted to Brig Gen
52. Ocean part
56. Student workplaces
60. Jewels
62. Saturn moon
63. Radio frequencies between 30 and 300 MHz
64. Debt letters
66. Business leader, in short
67. Mil. rest
68. Compass point
70. Through
71. Actress Lupino

The 'Nigerian' scam: costly compassion

Nigerian advance-fee fraud has been around for decades, but now seems to have reached epidemic proportions. Some consumers have told the Federal Trade Commission they are receiving dozens of offers a day from supposed Nigerians politely promising big profits in exchange for help moving large sums of money out of their country. Apparently, many compassionate consumers are continuing to fall for the convincing sob stories, the unfailingly polite language, and the unequivocal promises of money.

These advance-fee solicitations are scams. According to the FTC, the scam artists are playing each and every consumer for a fool. Here's the play book: Claiming to be Nigerian officials, businesspeople or the surviving spouses of former government honchos, con artists offer to transfer millions of dollars into your bank account in exchange for a small fee. If you respond to the initial offer, you may receive "official looking" documents. Typically, you're then asked to provide blank letterhead and your bank account numbers, as well as some money to cover transaction and transfer costs and attorney's fees.

You may even be encouraged to travel to Nigeria or a border country to complete the transaction. Sometimes, the fraudsters will produce trunks of dyed or stamped money to verify their claims. Inevitably, though, emergencies come up, requiring more of your money and delaying the "transfer" of funds to your account; in the end, there aren't any profits for you to share, and the scam artist has vanished with your money.

If You Receive an Offer

If you're tempted to respond to an offer, the FTC suggests you stop and ask yourself two important questions: Why would a perfect stranger pick you — also a perfect stranger — to share a fortune with, and why would you

share your personal or business information, including your bank account numbers or your company letterhead, with someone you don't know? And the U.S. Department of State cautions against traveling to the destination mentioned in the letters. According to State Department reports, people who have responded to these "advance-fee" solicitations have been beaten, subjected to threats and extortion, and in some cases, murdered.

If you receive an offer via email from someone claiming to need your help getting money out of Nigeria — or any other country, for that matter — forward it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov.

If you have lost money to one of these schemes, call your local Secret Service field office. Local field offices are listed in the Blue Pages of your telephone directory.

More information about Nigerian Advance-Fee Loan scams is available from the Department of Justice (www.justiceonline.org/consum/nigerian.html), the U.S. Secret Service (www.secretservice.gov/alert419.shtml), and the U.S. Department of State (http://travel.state.gov/tips_nigeria.html or www.state.gov/www/regions/africa/naffpub.pdf).

The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop, and avoid them. To file a complaint or to get free information on consumer issues, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft, and other fraud-related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad. (*Editor's note: This information was a news release from the FTC.*)

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Rabies: A threat to the deployed mission

by 2nd Lt. Jason McKernan
*Air Combat Command
Public Affairs*

The Air Force spent countless dollars and lost numerous man-hours in the treatment of 56 civilian contractors at a deployed location whose unit “mascot” exposed them to rabies.

The situation was entirely preventable and caused a massive drain on mission resources, Air Combat Command officials said.

“Not only did this failure to follow the rules put lives at risk, it placed a tremendous burden on the local medical treatment facility, encumbered the theater logistics system, and diverted mission focus,” said Col. Ken Hall, ACC Deputy Command Surgeon.

The contractors had adopted a stray dog that later became infected with rabies. It bit a number of people over four days and was eventually quarantined. It died the next day and tested positive for rabies.

General Order 1A is designed to prevent this type of situation from occurring among service members. It prohibits service members from “adopting, as pets or mascots, caring for or feeding any type of domestic or wild animals.”

While some units in the Area of Operations may have adopted wild and stray animals as unit mascots, this seemingly harmless activity is a potential recipe for disaster, Colonel Hall said.

“The human-animal bond is strongest in times of stress, like when you’re far from home and potentially in harm’s way. Ironically, these animals can be far more dangerous than comforting—to the point of loss of life—and that’s why GO-1A exists,” Colonel Hall explained.

According to information published by the World Health Organization, most of the 55,000 rabies deaths reported annually occur in Asia and Africa. Exposure to rabid dogs accounts for 99 percent of rabies

deaths worldwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While there are aggressive ownership and immunization programs in the United States, similar programs are virtually nonexistent in the AOR, Colonel Hall said.

Anyone who is scratched or bitten by any animal should thoroughly clean the wound with soap and water and seek medical attention as rapidly as possible, the colonel explained.

“We can effectively prevent rabies after exposure, but you have to get the treatment,” Colonel Hall said.

The treatment for rabies is completed by receiving a series of shots over a 28-day period, but people who fail to seek treatment are at a very high risk. Once the rabies symptoms develop, death is the typical outcome.

Airmen who are deploying to the Southwest Asia AOR must understand the practices prohibited by General Order 1A, Colonel Hall said.

“It’s really everyone’s responsibility to know and follow the rules, but leadership is the key,” said Colonel Hall. “Commanders have to communicate and enforce the General Order – the risk is too great.”

On the side

Animals infected with rabies may show the following signs:

- Craving to eat anything, including inedible objects
- Constant growling and barking
- Dilated pupils
- Disorientation
- Erratic behavior
- Episodes of aggression
- Facial expression showing anxiety and hyperalertness
- Irritability
- No fear of natural enemies (e.g., wild animals may not be afraid of people)
- Restlessness
- Roaming
- Seizures
- Trembling and muscle incoordination

Notice of availability

The 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base proposes to undertake a number of construction projects. They would provide needed physical improvements for the base over the next three years. Included is the off-base repair of the Prather water main. It parallels and crosses Hamilton Road in the City of Alamogordo. All other projects would occur within the confines of Holloman.

Pursuant to The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Holloman has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact/ Finding of No Practicable Alternative. These documents analyze the potential environmental impacts of undertaking these proposed construction projects. They also analyze an Additional Action and the No Action Alternative.

The documents are available on-line at www.cevp.com. Copies have been placed in the Alamogordo Public Library at 920 Oregon Avenue and the Holloman Base Library in Building 224.

Holloman has scheduled a Public Information Meeting on March 31 in the Elks Lodge at 2290 Hamilton Road, Alamogordo. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and a briefing will begin at 7 p.m. Following that will be a public question and comment period.

Interested groups and individuals may contact the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at (505) 572-5406 for more information. Written comments should be submitted by April 13, 2005 to 49 FW/PA, Attn: WINDO

EA, 490 1st St Room 2800, Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8287.

Service medal

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is authorized to anyone who has served on or after Sept. 11, 2001. To prevent a rush of customers to the military personnel flight, it is requested that personnel contact their commander's support staff who will provide MPF with a listing of personnel who are authorized. The listing should include the name and be verified by either the first sergeant or commander. This process will take time so personnel are reminded not to expect to see the award on vMPF for a few days following the receipt of the listing. Every effort will be taken to update as quickly as possible.

For more information, call Mr. Dave Wimmer at 572-7506.

Walk with Jesus

There is a "Walk with Jesus" at 2 p.m., March 20, Palm Sunday, at the chapel annex. This event is for children to see and hear about Jesus' final days on Earth. All participants should meet in the chapel annex no later than 2 p.m.

For more information, call 572-7211.

MPF info

The Air Force Personnel Contact Center is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, excluding the following federal holidays: New Years Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the AFPC Web site <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> there is a live, interactive chat session with customer service representatives. Contact information: toll-free: (800) 616-3775; DSN: 665-5000; commercial: (210) 565-500; e-mail contact.center@randolph.af.mil; DSN fax: 665-1239; commercial fax: 210-565-1239; Mailing Address: HQ AFPC/DPFFCC, 550C Street West, Ste 37, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150.

Keep these numbers handy for any military personnel matters.

Holloman's MPF Customer Service can still be reached at 572-7277.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

Changes to AFI

Separating or Retiring? According to this AFI, revised Feb. 15, anyone separating or retiring is no longer restricted to the 90-day terminal leave, permissive TDY and processing time limitation in conjunction with retirement or separation. Members may now take such terminal leave, PTDY (20 days CONUS or 30 days OCONUS as authorized by the losing commander) and processing days without limit.

Also, there are changes in the law that allow members to carry up to 60 days of leave in Special Leave Accrual and there have been updates to the policy change for approval of Exception to PTDY policy.

For more information, call Ms. Kimberly Harvey at 572-7277.

Mexico restrictions

The 49th Fighter Wing commander has declared Nuevo Laredo, Mexico "off limits" to Holloman active duty military personnel until May 1, 2005. Personnel traveling to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, are advised to practice extra caution. This declaration is due to the State Department warning of excessive criminal activity and kidnappings along the Mexican border due to illegal drug trade. For more information, call the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico at (656)613-1655, or visit the State Department Web site at <http://travel.state.gov>.

On the BIG SCREEN

The Wedding Date **(PG-13)**

6 p.m., today and Sunday

The Phantom of the Opera **(PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

Tickets are 99 cents.

Basin Briefs

Toastmasters

The Desert Basin Toastmasters Club will hold a demonstration meeting from 11 a.m. to noon, March 22 at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

For more information, please contact Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 572-5507.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Goddard Days Science Festival April 6 to 8 at the Yucca Recreation Center in Roswell, N.M. Volunteers are needed to help with exhibits, demonstrations and class presentations.

For more information, call Ms. Cymantha Liakos at (505) 623-6586 or (505) 910-5769 (cell) or e-mail maggy1963@msn.com.

Shuttle Camp

Registration for the New Mexico Museum of Space History's summer space science education program, Shuttle Camp, begins March 1. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is encouraged.

Registration for Shuttle Camp will be held in the museum's Education Department offices located in the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium Building.

To receive a brochure or more information on Shuttle Camp, call the New Mexico Museum of Space History Education Department at 437-2840 or (877) 333-6589. Shuttle Camp registration forms may also be downloaded from the museum's Web site www.spacefame.org.

Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Alamogordo has announced the availability of two \$500 scholarships for the 2005 academic year. Residents of Otero County who are students of NMSU-A or NMSU main campus are invited to apply for "The Billie Holder Memorial Rotary Scholarship," which has been in existence for a number of years.

In addition, students who are

pursuing a degree or certificate in the medical career field may apply for a newly created scholarship, "The Rotary Club of Alamogordo Medical Careers Scholarship."

Applications, with the criteria for award, may be obtained at the NMSU-A Student Services Building. Applications are due April 3. Information regarding both scholarships can be found at the Web site <http://alamo.nmsu.edu/financialaid/scholar.html>

Capella University

Capella University has an information seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday in the community center coyote room.

E-mail registration to khouston@capella.edu. For more information, call (888) CAPELLA or visit www.capella.edu/military.

Memorial march

The 16th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March is March 20 at White Sands Missile Range.

For information, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at (505) 678-1256 or the WSMR Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134.

Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

Stamp show

There is a stamp show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 20 at the Belton Bridge Center, 1215 East Madrid Ave., Las Cruces. This event is free.

Cherry festival

The 2005 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18 and 19 at the High Rolls Community Center. Follow the highway signs to local cherries, cherry pies, over 60 arts/crafts vendors, food and drink, near-continuous local entertainment and children's activities. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, visit www.highrollsfestivals.com, or call (505) 682-1151.



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Tina Rose Martinez 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Flight Information manager
Time in service: Three years, one month
Time at Holloman: Two years, nine months
Hometown: Fresno, Calif.
Personal and Career goals: My personal goal is to finish my final two credits towards my Community College of the Air Force degree. My career goals are to finish my enlistment and become a commissioned officer.
Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?
Serving in the Air Force is important to me because I get to serve my country proudly, while building long lasting friendships.
What is your favorite quote?
“If you can’t get them to salute when they should salute and wear the clothes you tell them

to wear, how are you going to get them to die for their country?” - General George Patton Jr.
Core value portrayed “Excellence in all we do”: “Whether it was her efforts to make our dorm the best on Holloman, her contributions in the Deployment Control Center during exercise and real world deployments or her daily activities as one of the top information managers in the squadron, this airman makes a positive impact. Not only does Airman Martinez perform her job well, she does it with tremendous pride and with an all important smile. She is always quick to volunteer for anything that benefits the base, squadron or local community.”

– Maj. Christopher Brown
49th LRS commander

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Holloman Salutes

Congratulations to the following master sergeants who were promoted to senior master sergeant:

Karen Gandy
Jose Pascua
Gregory Henneman
Sylvester Shaw
Eugene Bosey
James Fry
Brian Risner
Edward Gannaway
David McMahan
Anthony Brantley

Cynthia Ward
Mark Parish

Congratulations to the graduates of the NCO Professional Enhancement Course held March 1 to 3. The next course is June 14 to 17.

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Michael Humel
Staff Sgt. Dustin Reynolds

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kerry Heiney
Staff Sgt. Eric Triplitt

Staff Sgt. Steven Kivett

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Ian Snowsill
Staff Sgt. Eric Brennan

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Staff Sgt. Robbie Dunn
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Staff Sgt.
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49th Communications Squadron
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Fill 'er up

Fuels Flight keeps the mission running

Photos by Airman 1st Class Erik Somppi

Airman 1st Class Matthew Galinsky runs a fuel hose to a German Tornado to refuel before its next take off.

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst copy editor

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight makes sure that Team Holloman's vehicles and aircraft don't run on empty.

The flight provides more than 150,000 gallons of fuel per day to the entire wing and all the assigned tenant units, including the German air force and the Army's White Sands Missile Range.

"Without the fuels flight, training and real world missions could not be accomplished," said Senior Master Sgt. Charles Wilcox, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Flight manager. "Our mission is to receive, store and issue clean and dry petroleum products to the base."

Getting clean and dry gasoline may sound impossible, but at the fuels laboratory, the flight makes sure the fuel is free of debris and water.

Once the fuel is tested, it's stored in tanks on base. Combined, the tanks hold approximately 1.7 million gallons of fuel.

That fuel is ready when an aircraft needs it. When the aircraft maintenance crew calls in a request for fuel, it is processed by the control center. The center dispatches a refueling unit operator



Airman 1st Class Matthew Toon performs an inspection of the fuel trucks after they return from their runs.

and refueling truck, which can carry up to 6,000 gallons of fuel.

"Timely delivery of fuel is the most challenging part of the job," said Mr. Robert Hughes, refueling unit operator.

Air Combat Command's standard is 30 minutes, but the flight averages 3.8 minutes.

According to Sergeant Wilcox, the flight also supplies fuel to more than 2,000 ground vehicles on base. Members using government-owned vehicles can fill up at a designated gas station.

Members of the flight also prepare and supply liquid oxygen for pilots to breathe during high-altitude flights.

Teamwork is an essential as-

pect of the job, said Mr. Jesus Suarez, 49th LRS Fuels Flight superintendent.

"If part of the team doesn't do their job, things can go wrong," he said. "There's no room for shortcuts, because people can get hurt."

The fuels flight is not only important on base, but also during deployments, Mr. Suarez said.

"Our people are in the front line," he said. "If an aircraft needs refueling, we need to send three refuelers across the desert."

The importance of the flight is expressed in their motto, Sergeant Wilcox said.

"Without us, pilots are pedestrians," he said.



Airman 1st Class Samantha Bowman winds the hose after she performs a mandatory inspection for holes and leaks. The flight provides more than 150,000 gallons of fuel per day to the entire wing and all the assigned tenant units, including the German air force and the Army's White Sands Missile Range.



Senior Airman Billy Longwood removes a hose from the liquid oxygen tank. The fuels flight prepares and supplies liquid oxygen for pilots to breathe at high altitudes.



Airman 1st Class James Winsinger takes a sample, which checks for contamination of solid particles, water and color.

FEATURE

PERFECT FIT

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron War Readiness Flight inspects, inventories and issues all equipment needed for Team Holloman members to be war ready.



Photos by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

Airman First Class Alejandro Ontiveros, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron War Readiness flight, inspects a gas mask during a periodic maintenance inspection.



Above left: Senior Airman David Dixon places Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Technology suits, the new chemical gear, back in its crate after an inspection of the package.

Top: Senior Airman David Dixon and Airman First Class Alejandro Ontiveros inspect gas masks during a periodic maintenance inspection.



Airman First Class Alejandro Ontiveros places a mobility back on the shelf after inspecting its contents.



Aboard an AWAC

Members of the 3rd Wing, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron traveled to Holloman to support the AWACs mission. The E-3 Sentry, an airborne warning and control system aircraft provides all-weather surveillance, command, control and communications needed by commanders of U.S., NATO and other allied air defense forces. The squadron arrived here Feb. 25 and will leave today. Two crews came and trained in the area while back in Alaska, a third crew continued to serve in their real-world tasking. The 962 AACs provides the U.S. Pacific Command commander with a long-range airborne surveillance, detection, identification, and command and control platform for both local and deployed composite wing operations.



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Left to Right: Canadian Sergeant Joel Langley, Senior Airman Dale Eslinger and Airman 1st Class Angela Fontanelli, 3rd Wing, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK, conduct surveillance aboard an Air Warning and Control System aircraft during a training mission here. Members of the 3rd Wing spent a week here training with F-15s, T-38s and F-117As.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

Top: Canadian Sergeant Jean Paul Latreille, AWACS flight engineer reviews paperwork prior to landing here during a training exercise Monday.

Right: 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron AWACS aircraft maintainers secure an engine cover after landing here Monday. More than 165 members deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base to conduct training missions with F-15s, T-38s and F-117As.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens

Grille closure

Due to personnel shortages at the Officers' Club, the American Grille will be closed until further notice. All other services remain the same. Anyone interested in part-time employment, please call the services human resources office at 572-5454.

Construction outside the Main Gate

There will be construction ongoing outside the Main Gate starting on March 15 and ending on April 3 in conjunction with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Construction will primarily impact daytime traffic as the contractor will be working around peak traffic flow times. The following is a listing of dates and locations around the main gate of upcoming construction:

- March 15-16 - Overpass, North Ramp, South Ramp
- March 17-18, 26-27 - Entrance to Main Gate
- April 2-3 - Final Striping of Entrance to Main Gate
- When the ramps are under

construction, traffic going to Alamogordo will be diverted towards Las Cruces and turned around prior to West Gate entrance. Since the ramps will be available during peak traffic flow hours, it is recommended that daytime traffic utilize the West Gate. Construction done to the entrance to the Main gate will close only one lane at a time.

ALS

Airman Leadership School Class 05-D has a graduation banquet at 6 p.m., March 29 in the Oasis Enlisted Club ballroom. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, spouses, family and friends may make reservations through an ALS student or staff member. The menu is a buffet and includes: ham or roast beef, new roasted potatoes or rice pilaf, broccoli or corn, dinner rolls, side salad, tea and coffee. Club member cost is \$13 and non-club member cost is \$15. Reservations will not be accepted after March 16. No refunds for cancellations will be given after March 17.

The ALS Class 05-D graduation retreat is 2:15 p.m., March 28 in the dorm mall area behind building 339. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, spouses, family and friends are invited to join the graduates. Uniform requirement is duty uniform.

For more information, call 572-5860.

CAC

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The CAC also features the following videos today to Thursday:

- Stealth Secrets: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- OSI Recruiting Video: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
- This is White Sands: 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 7 p.m.

AF officials require myPay for civilians

Civilian employees of the Air Force will be required to use the myPay system to access their leave and earning statements beginning March 31.

The change brings Air Force civilians in line with active duty-and reserve-component Airmen who are already required to access their pay data online, officials said. Hard-copy statements will no longer be mailed.

Printing and mailing costs are some reasons for the change, officials said. But the primary goal is to provide people with more services and quicker access in an online format.

There are numerous advantages to using myPay, officials said. Civilian users

can view and print their last 26 pay statements; change allotments, direct deposit or tax withholding information; and buy savings bonds. Users may also view and print their W-2 tax forms.

One major advantage is availability, officials said. Information may be viewed or changed from any computer with an Internet connection 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The myPay system can be found at www.dfas.mil/mypay. New users will need to establish a personal identification number.

For more information, visit the Web site or contact the local accounting and finance office. (AFPN)

DFAS Web site moves

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site moved to a new location on the Internet, officials announced March 2.

The old site, www.dfas.mil, will remain available through March 31. Then, users will be redirected to the new site, www.dod.mil/dfas, and links to pages on the previous site will generate an error message notifying users of the move, officials said.

Webmasters who link to the site or pages within the site should review their links and update them accordingly, officials said.

The move will enhance the performance of the site by providing redundancy to prevent down time and by providing an opportunity for enhanced features in the future, officials said.

"Our goal is to provide the best service and products possible to the men and women who defend America," said

Claudia Bogard, the service's corporate communications director. "With this move, our customers can rely on DFAS for faster access to information whenever they need it from anywhere around the globe at any hour of the day or night."

Officials said the move also will provide the following benefits:

- Increase the speed of the site by more than 12 times.
- Improve search capability to allow DFAS content to be found on any of dod-dot-mil sites.
- Allow DFAS content to be found at www.dod.mil/dfas, www.defense.mil/dfas, www.pentagon.gov/dfas, www.defense.gov/dfas, www.defenselink.mil/dfas or www.defense.gov/dfas.
- Create stronger alignment between DFAS and DOD public Web sites.
- Reduce the burden of public Web traffic to DFAS networks. (AFPN)

Short-tour credit authorized for contingency deployments overseas

by Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell

*Air Force Personnel Center
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A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change-of-station short-tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations, according to Air Force Personnel officials here.

Eligible Airmen must have been on temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for at least 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay area.

This credit is intended to reduce the chances of people being sent as nonvolunteers to an unaccompanied short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment, officials said.

The change is an exception to current policy, which only

authorizes short-tour credit for airmen accumulating 300 or more days on TDY overseas during an 18-month period.

This exception is not without precedent. During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, an exception was approved to authorize short-tour credit to people who deployed for at least 181 consecutive days from Aug. 1, 1990, to June 10, 1991.

Airmen are responsible for requesting short-tour credit through the military personnel flight's personnel employment element at their permanent duty station. The TDY travel voucher must be completed before Airmen can apply for credit. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of the deployment and if the location qualified for payment of hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay.

Garden Picnic

The March function for the Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club, "A Garden Picnic," is 11 a.m., Wednesday at the officers' club. R.S.V.P. to 479-2222 or 921-0101 by noon, Monday.

For more information, visit www.hollomanosc.com.

HOSC Thrift Shop

Normal operating hours are Tue and Thu 10 – 2. Donation bins are in the back of the Shop. Consignments are accepted from 10 - 12 only.

We will be open Saturday Mar 19th from 10 – 1. Example of items: end tables, bike, head board, Easter decorations/baskets.

Enhanced 911

Starting Tuesday all you need dial to report any emergency on base is 911; the old fire reporting number 1117 will no longer be used.

The new Enhanced 911 emergency reporting systems is designed for emergency calls to be received at three different

locations: fire and emergency Services, security forces and the Ambulance Response Element. If you dial 911 from a cellular phone you will be calling the sheriff's office, you can give them the information and they will relay it to the base emergency services.

By dialing 911 your address and phone number will appear on the screen and we will be able pinpoint the origin of the call in case the caller is incapacitated or can not speak. Please educate your dependents on the new system but be aware that if crank calls are made to 911 your address and phone number are automatically recorded so we can follow-up on any hang-ups.

911 phone stickers are available at the Fire Prevention Office, Bldg. 303, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Facility managers or designated representative please come by and pick up stickers for phones in your facilities.

Please remember to peel of the old 1117, 2-1117, 9-572-1117 stickers.

MDG improving patient safety through awareness

by Ms. Laura Hunt
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A landmark study published by the Institute of Medicine in 1999 estimated that 98,000 people die every year from medical errors. The Air Force quickly adopted patient safety as the number one goal of all MTFs.

At Holloman, the 49th Medical Group is minimizing the risks associated with medical treatment through the Patient Safety Program and by observing Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 14 to 18.

"The goal of this year's Patient Safety Awareness Week is to educate patients about their role in the delivery of safe patient care," said Ms. Shelley Drake, Patient Safety Program manager.

Lt. Col. Leslie Ness, 49th Medical Support Squadron commander, said patients must take an active role in their

health care.

"This includes pointing out to medical staff when they see something that should be fixed, when they receive a prescription that's incorrect," Colonel Ness said. "Patients are part of the health care delivery process and are vital to making sure it's safe."

Some errors patients make include not reading the instructions on prescriptions, not taking prescribed medications or not following up with a doctor after lab tests have been administered.

During Patient Safety Awareness Week, brochures and posters in the clinic will inform the public on ways they can be involved in patient safety. Pocket-sized booklets used to keep track of current medications will be given out at the pharmacy.

The medical group is also taking measures of its own to reduce the risk of errors, Ms.

Drake said.

The DoD Military Health System Patient Safety Center has found that patient misidentification carries a very high risk of producing medical errors. Therefore, the MDG is asking patients to provide their date of birth as an additional measure for identification at the pharmacy.

"Because family members are all enrolled under the sponsor's social security number, the date of birth will help prevent medication mix-ups between family members," Ms. Drake said. "This is especially important in families whose members have similar names. This is one opportunity for the patient to partner with us in making sure medication errors do not happen to them or their loved ones."

For more information about the Patient Safety Program, call Ms. Shelley Drake at 572-5459.



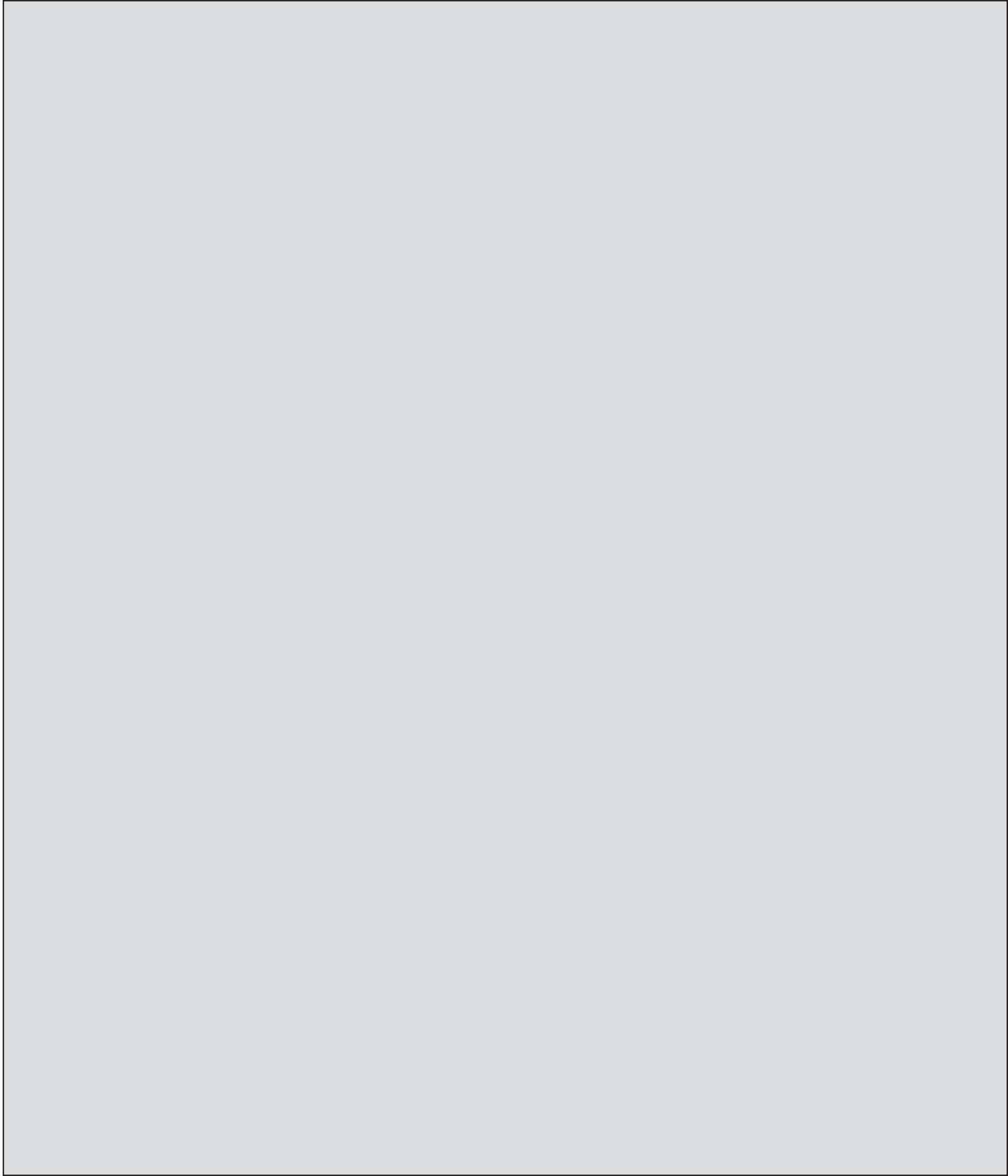
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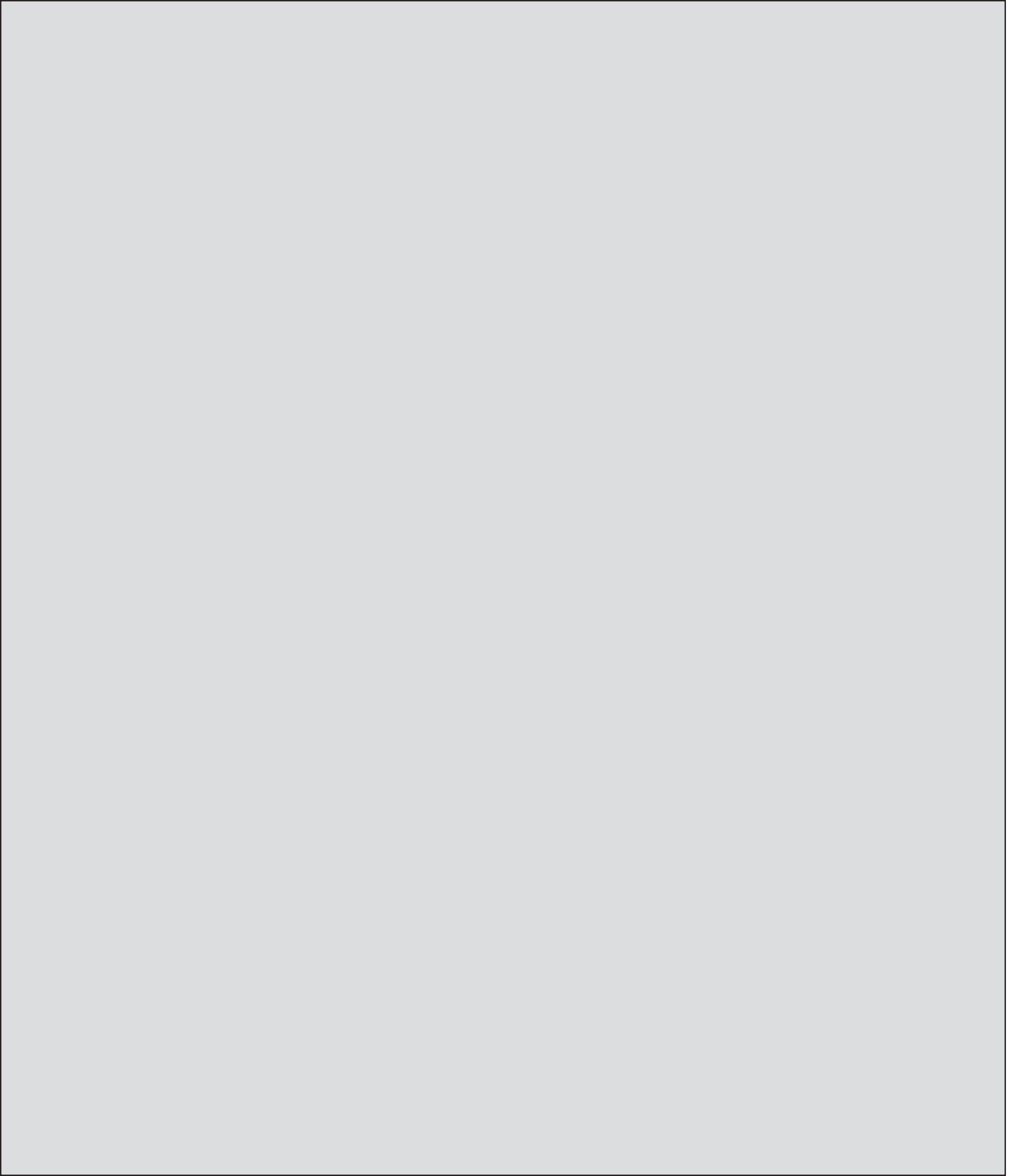
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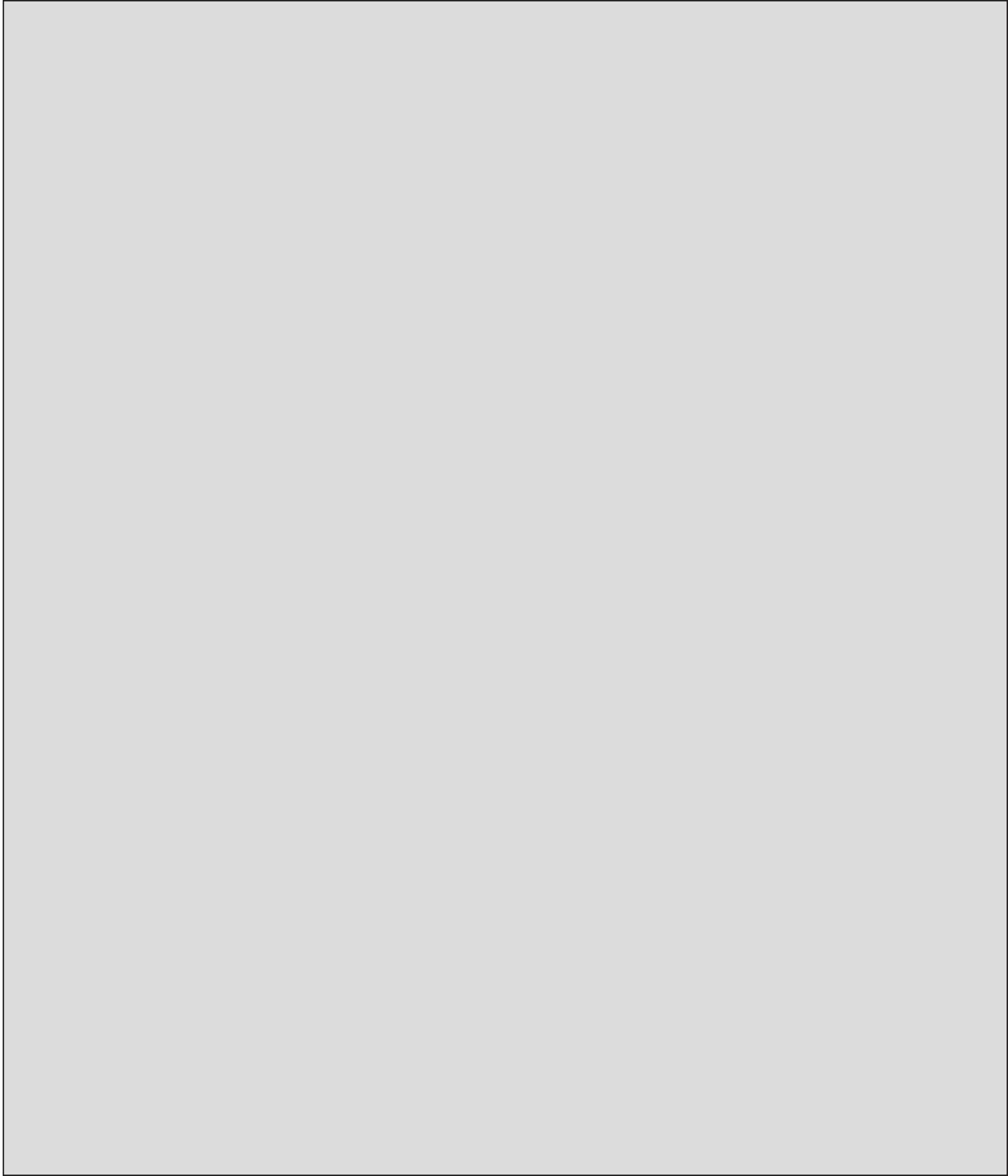
Brian Sadler, 49th Maintenance Squadron, spikes the ball over the net during a match against the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Tuesday. 49th LRS took the match 14-25, 25-18 and 15-13.

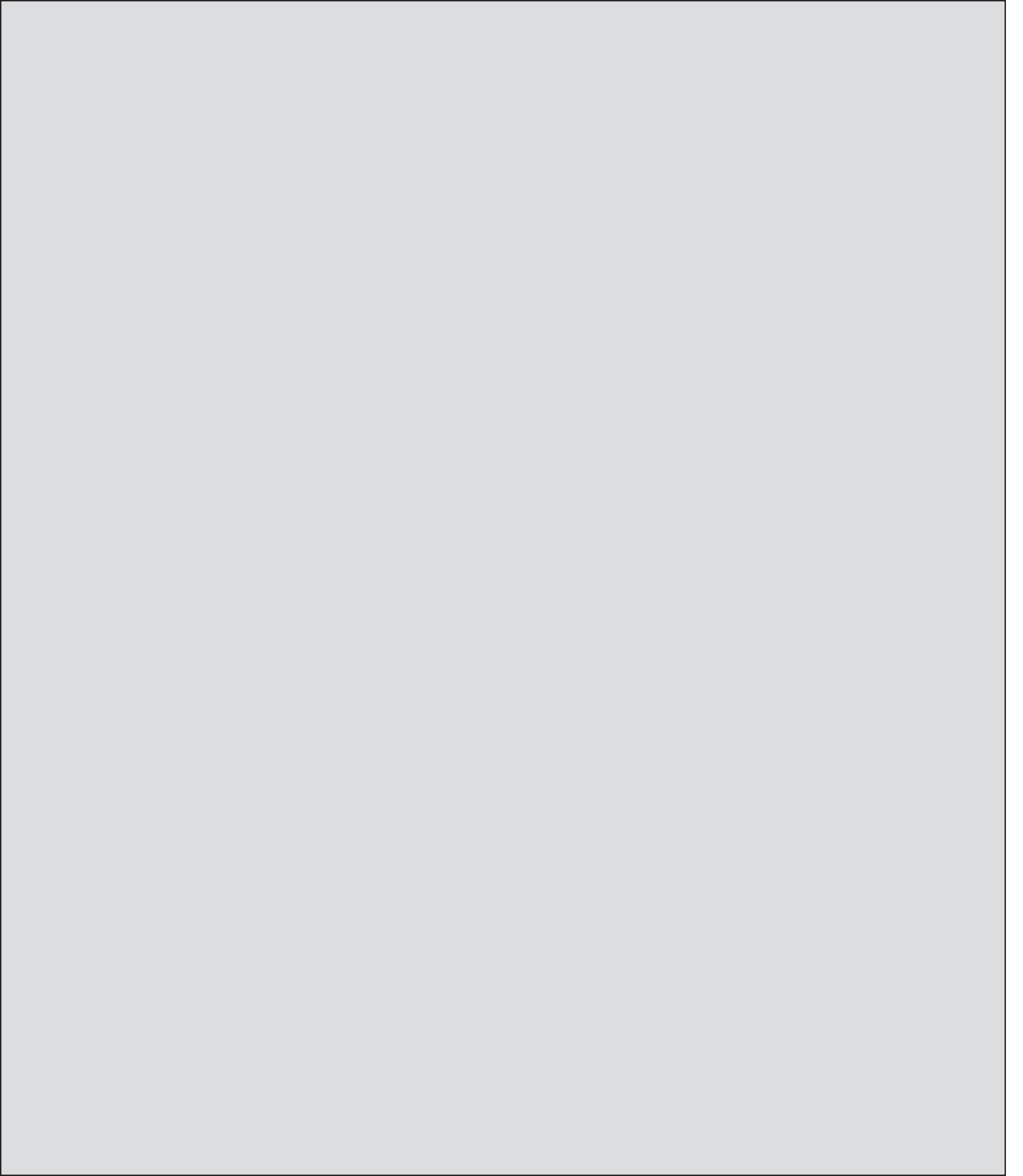
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The fitness corner

Instructor: Chinda Lucoski

Class: Indoor Group Cycling, noon to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Description: Indoor Group Cycling is a revolutionary program developed to suit all fitness level needs. The class format is geared toward busy people who don't have time to workout, and includes 35 minutes of cardiovascular and lower body conditioning, 15 minutes of yoga-style strengthening and flexibility and 10 minutes of relaxation training. The class focuses on three areas of intensity: easy riding, endurance-moderate and elite (very intense).

Benefits: Not only does this class strengthen the heart, cardiovascular system, immune system and bone density, it also relieves stress, builds

stamina and promotes relaxation.

Fitness tip: Drink plenty of water before, during and after a workout session. Dehydration can slow you down, prevent your body from cooling and increase your risk of life-threatening heat stroke.



Photos by Ms. Laura Hunt

The workout

1. Standing Recovery: Simulate jogging in place. Keep your knee extended when landing and keep your back straight. The bike should be at medium resistance or 60 RPMs for 15 seconds.



2. Climbing Intervals: Stand for 20 seconds and then move back into a seated position for 20 seconds. Do two repetitions of standing and three repetitions of sitting. Use enough resistance for you to remain comfortable or about 70 to 90 RPMs.



3. Climb/Run: Gradually standing with controlled movement, move yourself three to four inches off the seat. Keep your knee extended when landing. Do two repetitions for 50 seconds at 70 RPMs.